

# Multicultural Retailers & Vaccines

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The State of Minnesota is vaccinating all Minnesotans who are ages 16 or older. However, the State is still prioritizing workers in the following work sectors: E-12 educators, food processing plant workers, agricultural workers, airport staff, childcare workers, correctional settings, first responders, food production, food retail, food service, manufacturing, public health workers, public transit, and United States Postal Service workers.

You and your business are part of this priority group. As multicultural retailers and grocery store workers, you have served a critical part in keeping our communities healthy and fed even during this pandemic. We are reaching out to ensure you have the resources to make a plan on how to vaccinate your workers and help us make sure that all of your staff know how they can obtain their vaccines.

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## Getting a Vaccine

The best way to vaccinate your workers is to talk to them about signing up on the State's Vaccine Connector website. This simple sign up will capture the needed information to then be selected to book an appointment in our state run vaccine clinics: Minneapolis, Duluth, Rochester, Bloomington, Eagan, Saint Paul, St. Cloud, Mankato, Oakdale, and Lino Lakes. Make sure that workers select "Food Retail" for their industry and they will be prioritized for a vaccine appointment.

Once selected for an appointment, employees will receive an email and/or text message from a vaccine provider working on behalf of the State (like PrimaryBio, Vault, Specialist). They can then book an appointment at a time and location that works for their schedule.

The Vaccine Connector is available in four languages:

- English - <https://vaccineconnector.mn.gov/en-US/>
- Spanish - <https://vaccineconnector.mn.gov/es-ES/covid-19%20vaccine/>
- Somali - <https://vaccineconnector.mn.gov/nl-NL/covid-19%20vaccine/>
- Hmong - <https://vaccineconnector.mn.gov/da-DK/covid-19%20vaccine/>

Minnesotans can call the Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 Public Hotline at 1-833-431-2053 for language assistance and any questions about signing up for the Connector. There will be no cost, Minnesotans will not need to provide a Government issued ID or medical insurance to be vaccinated, and no question on immigration status is ever asked.

The Connector is an easy way to find out where you can get a vaccine. But it is not the only way. You can also use our [Find Vaccine Locations](#) map; view the [CDC's VaccineFinder](#) website; or contact a local pharmacy, your medical provider, or your local public health department about potential opportunities.

We are committed to ensuring every Minnesotan has access to their vaccine.

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## Vaccination Concerns & Recommendations

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and you are encouraged to speak with your staff to develop a plan on getting their vaccines.

- When you get your COVID-19 vaccine, you may experience side effects such as pain where you got the shot, feeling achy or tired, or having a headache. Some people may have chills or a fever. It is also okay if you do not have side effects! Each person will have a different reaction to the vaccine and that is okay.
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- Saving a life is the most important thing, and COVID-19 vaccines will save lives. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.
- For more information please visit the Community Communications Toolkit with information on all vaccines in multiple languages:  
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/communitytk.html>

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## Continuing to Staying Safe

The state has developed a COVID-19 preparedness plan that has requirements and guidance for keeping your staff and visitors safe. See more information:

- COVID-19 Preparedness Plan Guidance: Requirements for all Businesses and other Entities ([https://dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/COVID\\_19\\_preparedness\\_plan\\_requirements\\_guidelines\\_businesses.pdf](https://dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/COVID_19_preparedness_plan_requirements_guidelines_businesses.pdf))
- Stay Safe Guidance for all Business Entities (<https://staysafe.mn.gov/industry-guidance/all-businesses.jsp>)
- Face coverings (masks) must be worn indoors, and also outdoors where people cannot stay at least 6 feet away from each other at all times.
- Stay home if you: have COVID-19 symptoms; have tested positive; are waiting for test results due to symptoms or exposure; or have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19.
  - If you test positive or have symptoms of COVID-19, stay home and away from others (isolate) for at least 10 days AND until you have not had a fever for at least 24 hours and you feel better.

- If you have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 (for example, someone you live, work or go to school with), stay home and away from others (quarantine) for 14 days.
- For more information, see: Close Contacts and Tracing: COVID-19 ([www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/close.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/close.html)).

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## Learn More

- **Employer Toolkit**— a place where any employer can get information about vaccinating their work staff (<https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/employer-toolkit/index.jsp>).
- **Vaccine Community Toolkit**- This toolkit is designed to help educate communities about COVID-19 vaccine (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/communitytk.html>).
- **Translated Infographics** – A place to download and print useful flyers in 10 of the top languages spoken in Minnesota (<https://mn.gov/covid19/share-our-message/translations/index.jsp>).
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit** – This toolkit is created by the CDC to help educate community members (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/toolkits/community-organization.html>).

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## Get current and reliable information on COVID-19

- MDH Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) ([www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html))
- CDC: COVID-19 ([www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html))



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